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"MODULAR LATCH APPARATUS AND  
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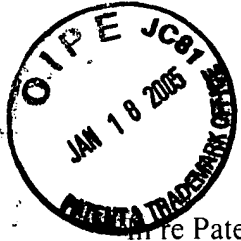
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office action dated December 13, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.